

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

*Whereas*, Tom Pierce has dedicated 20 years to public service to the city of Volga as a counsel member for 14 years and as mayor for 6 years; and,

*Whereas*, Tom's involvement in housing development and promotion of private residential expansion have been instrumental in the city of Volga's growth; and,

*Whereas*, Tom championed economic development by forming partnerships with surrounding economic development groups and utilizing state programs to enhance and boost the local area economy; and,

*Whereas*, Tom led the way to secure large industry for the state through the recruitment of South Dakota Soybean Processors and the Pioneer Research Center to the area; and,

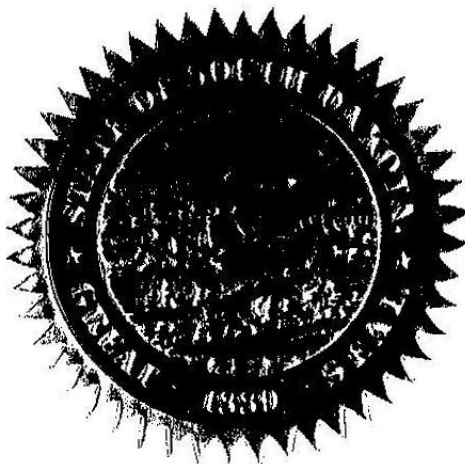
*Whereas*, Tom's manner of quiet leadership has earned him the respect of his colleagues, city employees, and governmental officials throughout the state; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as governor to join the residents of Volga in recognizing and honoring Tom for his exemplary public service:


*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 26, 2009, as

### *TOM PIERCE DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State